

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10 and 12 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that claim 6 has been indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

The amendments to claims 1, 10 and 12 are only to improve the clarity of the claims and are non-narrowing.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 7-9, 12-14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,838,361 to Takeo ("Takeo"); and rejects claims 10, 11 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Takeo in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,761,925 to Banno et al. ("Banno"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 10 are amended to recite forming an optical member on the top surface of the base member by curing the optical member precursor, and claim 12 is amended to recite forming a lens on the top surface of the base member by curing the lens precursor

Takeo does not teach or suggest these features. Especially, Takeo does not teach or suggest forming an optical member or lens on the top surface of the base member. Banno does not overcome the deficiencies of Takeo. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 10 and 12 are patentably distinct from the applied art.

Claims 2-5, 7-9, 11, and 13-16 are allowable at least for their dependence on allowable base claims. As such, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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